

What is claimed is:

1. A process for forming a finish upon a vehicle wheel comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a vehicle wheel;
- 5 (b) depositing a base layer formed from an organic material onto at least a portion of a surface of the vehicle wheel;
- (c) curing the organic layer;
- (d) depositing a first finish layer formed from a first inorganic material over the organic layer; and
- 10 (e) depositing a second finish layer formed from a second inorganic material over the first inorganic layer.

2. A process according to claim 1 further including, prior to step (b) cleaning the surface of the wheel.

3. A process according to claim 2 wherein cleaning the surface of wheel forms an intermediate layer of material between the surface of the wheel and the base layer of organic material.

20 4. A process according to claim 1 wherein the first layer of inorganic material applied in step (d) includes a color.

5. A process according to claim 1 wherein the first inorganic layer applied in step (d) includes a metallic material.

25 6. A process according to claim 5 wherein the second inorganic layer applied in step (e) includes a ceramic clear coat.

30 7. A process according to claim 1 wherein the first inorganic layer applied in step (d) includes a ceramic material.

8. A process according to claim 7 wherein the second inorganic layer applied in step (e) includes a ceramic clear coat.

9. A process according to claim 1 wherein said second inorganic material is the same as said first inorganic material.

10. A process according to claim 1 wherein said second inorganic material is different from said first inorganic material.

11. A vehicle wheel comprising:
an annular wheel rim;
a circular wheel disc formed across an end of said wheel rim;
a first layer formed from an organic material disposed over at least a portion of
a surface of one of said wheel rim and said wheel disc;
a second layer formed from a first inorganic material disposed over said first layer; and
a third layer formed from a second inorganic material disposed over said second layer.

12. A vehicle wheel according to claim 11 wherein said first inorganic material includes a metallic material.

13. A vehicle wheel according to claim 12 wherein said second inorganic material includes a ceramic clear coat.

14. A vehicle wheel according to claim 11 wherein said first inorganic material includes a ceramic material.

15. A vehicle wheel according to claim 14 wherein said second inorganic

material includes a ceramic clear coat.

16. A vehicle wheel according to claim 11 wherein said organic material in said first layer includes a color.

17. A process according to claim 11 wherein the second inorganic material deposited in step (e) is the same as the first inorganic material deposited in step (d).

18. A process according to claim 11 wherein the second inorganic material deposited in step (e) is different from the first inorganic material deposited in step (d).

19. A vehicle wheel according to claim 11 further including an intermediate layer disposed between the surface of the wheel and said first layer of organic material.

20. A finish for a surface of a vehicle wheel disc comprising:
a first layer formed from an organic material disposed over at least a portion of a surface of the wheel disc;
a second layer formed from a first inorganic material disposed over said first layer; and
a third layer formed from a second inorganic material disposed over said second layer.